

teresting addresses, after which eighteen ladies were initiated as members. Officers elected:—President, Mrs W. Bellamy; Vice-Presidents, Mesdames J. Clark and E. Hanham; Secretary, Miss R. Goodwin; Treasurer, Miss I. Wyatt; Evangelistic Superintendent, Mrs F. Spratt. It was decided to hold meetings fortnightly.

July 10, Miss Roberts kindly took the chair. A Committee of four was appointed to arrange Band of Hope meetings. Mrs McKinney was appointed WHITE RIBBON Agent and Mrs Bruce Superintendent of Cradle Roll. Five new members were initiated.

LYTTELTON.

In the Methodist Schoolroom. Mrs G. Wilson was appointed Delegate to the Provincial Convention to be held on September 5th and 6th in Christchurch. It was decided to write to all inland Unions in Canterbury asking them if they would assist with "comfort bags" to be given to the seamen at Christmas. £1 was granted from the funds towards purchasing tracts to be given to the seamen attending the Seamen's Rest on Sunday evenings. The advisability of starting a Women's Crusade was discussed, and it was decided that it would be practicable if the Ministers would assist at the meetings, which it was proposed to hold in the Churches after the services on Sunday nights, provide it did not overlap the work done by the No-License League. It was decided to send a letter of condolence to Mrs T. E. Taylor and family.

WINCHMORE.

At Mrs Prebble's home on Wednesday afternoon, Mrs Driver's circular *re* Crusade books was read, also a paper on "Purity."

ASHBURTON.

July 11, Mrs W. T. Lill presided over a large attendance. Business in connection with the District Convention at Christchurch in September was arranged, Mrs W. J. Elliott and Miss C. Thomas were elected Delegates. Resolved to make arrangements to hold a public meeting at an early date to be addressed by Mrs Barton. The question of forming a Women's Crusade in connection with the Union was held over. Mr W. J. Brown, No-License Organizer, addressed the meeting briefly on the work to be undertaken in the coming campaign. A hearty vote of thanks was accorded the speaker.

DUNEDIN.

Mrs H. Driver, Superintendent of the Crusade, reported that the movement is spreading all over the Dominion, and the books are being signed freely. Sunday night prayer meetings have been held at close of the usual service in many of the suburban Churches, and wherever possible Delegates are taking the pulpit and advocating No-License. Mrs J. Chisholm reported several most successful home meetings, held in different parts of the city, addressed by prominent No-License workers. Mrs Barton, from Glasgow, has had a short campaign in city, holding two mass meetings in Garrison Hall and smaller gatherings in the suburbs, and is now in North Otago using all her powers of speech and organisation for the Crusade. Mrs H. Cole, our New Zealand President, came from Christchurch to preside at the Garrison Hall meetings, and while here gave an earnest address to a meeting on Sunday night organized by the Reform Council. The Executive of the City

Union had the pleasure of meeting her at an informal gathering held at the residence of Mrs Peter Dick, and received much useful information, as well as inspiring advice about work for the future. The date of the annual Convention has been fixed, proceedings to commence on the first Wednesday in March, 1912. Hospitality and other Committees were arranged for, that preparations may go quietly on through all the stress of Crusade work. A resolution of sympathy with Mrs T. E. Taylor in her sad bereavement was passed by members silently standing. Several who knew him best spoke feelingly of his life's work. All acknowledged a *great* and *good* man had gone from us. He fought the fight and kept the faith; may grace be given to all of us to follow in his train.

OTAUTAU.

July 14, in the Presbyterian Hall, arrangements were made for social afternoon on the following Tuesday, to enable members and friends to meet Mrs Lee Cowie.

The meeting proved very successful—about forty women signed the Crusade pledge book; afternoon tea followed.

In the evening a meeting was held in the hall, when Mrs Lee Cowie again spoke to a large audience.

INVERCARGILL.

July 4, Mesdames Baird, C. W. Brown, and Harper reported having brought the subject of the establishment of homes for defective girls under the notice of the local member, Mr Hanan, and having found him most sympathetic. It was moved that efforts should be made to have the selling of race tickets by young boys made illegal, and that Branch Unions should be asked to take the matter up. Great satisfaction was expressed at the success of the Sale of Work on 28th June, over £25 having been taken, besides the proceeds from the stalls of the Bluff Union and the Victoria Home.

A Gift Afternoon has been held on the 14th June at the residence of Mrs Lee Cowie, and was largely attended. Mrs Laycock and others gave brief addresses. Four new members were initiated.

As a part of the Women's Crusade it has been arranged to hold afternoon prayer meetings for women on the third Tuesday of each month, also general evening meetings at various Churches in town, and Sunday prayer meetings after evening service.

After the afternoon prayer meeting of July 18, a business meeting was held. It was resolved that Sister Moody-Bell be appointed Organizer of Crusade work. Mrs Lee Cowie, it was announced, was prepared to receive Sister Moody-Bell during her residence in this district. Arranged that two Executive Committees be formed, one to organize the pledge taking effort, the other to superintend arrangements for mass meetings.

July 5, an evening meeting was held at Mrs Lee Cowie's and, despite stormy weather, was well attended. Mrs C. W. Brown gave an address, reviewing the work accomplished since the formation of the Union in New Zealand, and urging that members work earnestly and hopefully for the end in sight. Mrs Lee-Cowie followed with an animated address, pointing out how workers in the Crusade could make clear the advantages of the abolition of the liquor traffic throughout the Dominion, and answer objections as to supposed evils resulting from it.

August 1. Sister Moody-Bell, who has been appointed Organizer of the Temperance Crusade in this district, was introduced, and gave a brief address describing the progress made in Crusade work in Dunedin. Arrangements for the plan of campaign were discussed, and several districts in the town were allotted to volunteers who undertook to canvass or to distribute literature. Mesdames Hunter, Stuck, and Smith were appointed Delegates to the Reform Council. A parade is to be held at the Baptist Church; Sister Moody-Bell will speak at the after-service meeting. Mrs Barton, from Glasgow, arrives in Invercargill on the 9th, and will give addresses in Invercargill on the evenings of the 13th and 14th, on her return from the Bluff. Mrs Baird briefly and feelingly spoke of the loss the cause had sustained by the death of Mr T. E. Taylor and of the lessons afforded by his life work. Two new members were initiated.

MENTAL PURITY.

(A Paper read by Mrs Graham, President Gisborne Union).

Were I so tall to reach the Pole,
Or grasp the ocean with my span,
I must be measured by my soul:
The mind is the standard of the man.

—Watts.

The mind rules the body, therefore the importance of maintaining purity of mind. "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he." Persons who are impure in mind will soon be impure in their actions. Let a person cultivate purity of mind, chastity of thought, and abhorrence of vileness and impurity, then the character will be ennobled and the power of resistance to sin strengthened.

Purity of thought and action in the married state should surely be the chief aim of all Christians. To produce children better than ourselves is the duty of of duties. To transmit life both mentally and physically strong to our children's children is the chief end of man and of woman; and herein we glorify God, when we plan for the welfare of the yet unborn, and woe be to those parents who by their uncontrolled passions injure their offspring, for theirs may be the sin of sins. The promise unto Abraham was that if he lived aright, his seed should be as the stars of heaven for multitude; and Christ our Master taught us the great love of God for humanity, when He said: "See that ye hurt not one of these little ones, for their angels do always behold the face of My Father."

The sexual function is necessary only for the propagation of the race—Divinely ordered so—and not for the health or the appetite of the individual. And there is also a limited time to this Divine order, when the wife reaches that period of life when she ceases to bear children. Too often, both husband and wife fall into bad health by undue sensuality, and